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400 Registered Republicans

Margin of error: ± 4.9 percentage points

418 registered Republican contacts

weighted by age and sex

401 Democratic likely caucusgoers

Margin of error: ± 4.9 percentage points

1,618 active registered voter contacts

weighted by age and sex

Percentages may not add to 100% due to rounding.

How likely is it you will attend one of the caucuses scheduled for February of 2020 when presidential candidates will be on the agenda—will you definitely attend, probably attend, or probably not attend? **(If definitely or probably attend, ask:) Will you attend the Democratic or the Republican caucus? [Note to interviewer: If respondent asks, virtually or in person? The words I have are “attend.” In other words, offer no further clarification.]**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers

	Definitely attend Democratic caucus	Probably attend Democratic caucus	Definitely attend Republican caucus	Probably attend Republican caucus	Probably not attend a caucus	Don't know which caucus will attend	Not sure
Mar-19	50	50	-	-	-	-	-
Dec-18	57	43	-	-	-	-	-

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Among Registered Republicans

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Mar-19	-	-	19	27	47	3	3
Dec-18	-	-	23	24	47	3	3

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Given what you happen to know about the Democratic Party's plans for virtual caucuses, do you approve or disapprove of those plans, or don't you know enough to say?

	Mostly approve	Mostly disapprove	Not sure
Mar-19	23	4	73

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Have you attended caucuses in the past or will this be your first caucus? **(If attended in past, ask:)** Was that a Republican caucus, a Democratic caucus, or both?

	Attended Republican caucus in the past	Attended Democratic caucus in the past	Attended both	First caucus	Not sure
Mar-19	6	62	7	25	1
Dec-18	11	60	7	21	-

Now, I'm going to mention some prominent people, including potential candidates for the Democratic nomination for president. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. **(Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)**

		Net Fav	Net Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.								
Michael Bennet, U.S. senator from Colorado	Mar-19			3	15	5	2	75
Joe Biden, former vice president of the United States	Mar-19			45	37	8	6	4
	Dec-18			47	35	11	4	4
Michael Bloomberg, former mayor of New York City	Mar-19			3	24	27	11	34
	Dec-18			8	32	20	11	29
Cory Booker, U.S. senator from New Jersey	Mar-19			13	39	9	5	33
	Dec-18			18	31	6	6	39
Sherrod Brown, U.S. senator from Ohio	Mar-19			6	18	6	2	68
	Dec-18			6	17	5	3	69
Steve Bullock, governor of Montana	Mar-19			2	8	8	3	79
	Dec-18			2	9	5	3	82
Pete Buttigieg, mayor of South Bend, Indiana	Mar-19			5	12	7	4	73
Julián Castro, former U.S. secretary of Housing and Urban Development	Mar-19			7	27	5	3	58
	Dec-18			6	21	7	3	63
Bill de Blasio, mayor of New York City	Mar-19			2	19	21	8	51
John Delaney, former U.S. representative from Maryland	Mar-19			5	22	8	5	61
John Delaney, U.S. congressman from Maryland	Dec-18			6	19	7	4	64
Tulsi Gabbard, U.S. representative from Hawaii	Mar-19			5	17	9	6	64
Kirsten Gillibrand, U.S. senator from New York	Mar-19			5	29	10	6	49
	Dec-18			7	28	5	4	55
Kamala Harris, U.S. senator from California	Mar-19			23	35	4	5	33
	Dec-18			19	29	6	4	41
John Hickenlooper, former governor of Colorado	Mar-19			5	20	6	5	65
John Hickenlooper, governor of Colorado	Dec-18			6	18	6	3	67
Jay Inslee, governor of the state of Washington	Mar-19			3	15	6	2	75
	Dec-18			3	8	5	2	82
Amy Klobuchar, U.S. senator from Minnesota	Mar-19			13	30	9	6	41
	Dec-18			16	22	5	3	54

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.		Net Fav	Net Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Beto O'Rourke, former U.S. representative from Texas	Mar-19			19	33	8	4	36
Beto O'Rourke, U.S. congressman from Texas	Dec-18			28	25	7	4	36
Bernie Sanders, U.S. senator from Vermont	Mar-19			37	34	16	9	4
	Dec-18			43	31	12	10	4
Howard Schultz, former CEO of Starbucks	Mar-19			1	6	27	24	42
Eric Swalwell, U.S. representative from California	Mar-19			4	16	7	2	71
Eric Swalwell, U.S. congressman from California	Dec-18			5	14	4	5	70
Elizabeth Warren, U.S. senator from Massachusetts	Mar-19			25	38	12	8	17
	Dec-18			30	35	13	7	16
Marianne Williamson, author and activist	Mar-19			1	7	7	4	80
Andrew Yang, businessman	Mar-19			2	5	7	5	81
	Dec-18			1	4	6	6	83

Which one of the following Democrats would be your first choice for president? **(Read list and rotate.)**
 And who would your second choice be? **(If “None of these” or “Not sure” in first choice question, record “No first choice” in second choice question and do not ask. Read list only if necessary.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.	First Choice	Second Choice	Total selecting as either first or second choice
Michael Bennet	1	1	2
Joe Biden	27	19	46
Cory Booker	3	3	6
Steve Bullock	1	-	1
Pete Buttigieg	1	1	2
Julián Castro	1	2	3
Bill de Blasio	-	-	-
John Delaney	1	-	1
Tulsi Gabbard	-	2	2
Kirsten Gillibrand	-	1	1
Kamala Harris	7	11	18
John Hickenlooper	-	1	1
Jay Inslee	1	-	1
Amy Klobuchar	3	3	6
Beto O'Rourke	5	6	11
Bernie Sanders	25	13	38
Eric Swalwell	-	-	-
Elizabeth Warren	9	12	21
Marianne Williamson	-	-	-
Andrew Yang	-	-	-
None of these (VOL)	3	2	
Not sure	10	6	
No first choice	n/a	13	

^Eric Holder (one night, 0 respondents 1st/2nd choice) and Michael Bloomberg (2 nights, 0 respondents 1st choice, 5 respondents 2nd choice) announced they would not be running for president while this poll was in the field. Brown announced he would not run after the poll was out of the field, so first-choice votes for him have been reallocated to the respondents' second choices.

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Michael Bennet	Mar-19	1	1	2
Joe Biden	Mar-19	27	19	46
	Dec-18	32	18	50
Cory Booker	Mar-19	3	3	6
	Dec-18	4	7	11
Steve Bullock	Mar-19	1	-	1
	Dec-18	-	-	-
Pete Buttigieg	Mar-19	1	1	2
Julián Castro	Mar-19	1	2	3
	Dec-18	1	-	1
Bill de Blasio	Mar-19	-	-	-
John Delaney	Mar-19	1	-	1
	Dec-18	1	-	1
Tulsi Gabbard	Mar-19	-	2	2
Kirsten Gillibrand	Mar-19	-	1	1
	Dec-18	-	1	1
Kamala Harris	Mar-19	7	11	18
	Dec-18	5	6	11
John Hickenlooper	Mar-19	-	1	1
	Dec-18	1	1	2
Jay Inslee	Mar-19	1	-	1
	Dec-18	-	1	1
Amy Klobuchar	Mar-19	3	3	6
	Dec-18	3	2	5
Beto O’Rourke	Mar-19	5	6	11
	Dec-18	11	12	23
Bernie Sanders	Mar-19	25	13	38
	Dec-18	19	14	33
Eric Swalwell	Mar-19	-	-	-
	Dec-18	-	1	1
Elizabeth Warren	Mar-19	9	12	21
	Dec-18	8	10	18
Marianne Williamson	Mar-19	-	-	-
Andrew Yang	Mar-19	-	-	-
	Dec-18	-	1	1
None of these (VOL)	Mar-19	3	2	
	Dec-18	4	3	
Not sure	Mar-19	10	6	
	Dec-18	6	6	
No first choice	Mar-19	n/a	13	
	Dec-18	n/a	10	

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I'm going to mention some of these candidates again. For each, I'd like you tell me if you think the person's political views are too liberal, about right, or too conservative **(Rotate list.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.	Too Liberal	About Right	Too Conservative	Not Sure
Joe Biden	6	70	14	10
Michael Bloomberg	6	21	20	53
Cory Booker	9	42	10	39
Kamala Harris	12	49	5	34
Amy Klobuchar	5	35	8	52
Beto O'Rourke	7	42	8	43
Bernie Sanders	44	48	2	7
Elizabeth Warren	23	54	4	19

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. When it comes to Joe Biden, which of the following do you agree with more? **(Rotate items.)**

- 31 The time for him as a candidate has passed, and he should stay out of the race
- 64 He has more experience than any other candidate, and he should get in the race
- 5 Not sure

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. When it comes to Bernie Sanders, which of the following do you agree with more? **(Rotate items.)**

- 43 The time for him as a candidate has passed, and he should not be in the race
- 54 His candidacy for president pushed the party in a good direction, and he should be in the race again
- 3 Not sure

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers. Which is more important to you personally: **(Read items. Rotate.)**

- 83 A candidate who will focus on harnessing Democrats' positive energy to unite the country
- 13 A candidate who will focus on harnessing Democrats' anger to defeat President Trump
- 4 Not sure

For each of the following issue positions that some candidates have taken, please tell me if you prefer a candidate who supports it in full, supports steps toward it, or does not support that position. **(Rotate list.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.	Support in Full	Support in Steps	Does Not Support	Not Sure
Medicare-for-all, shifting to a government-run health system	49	35	11	5
Free tuition to a public four-year college	36	40	21	3
New taxes that target people with over \$50 million in assets	67	22	8	3
A proposal called the Green New Deal, which couples government programs to address climate change with support for jobs in the clean energy sector to help address poverty	65	26	4	5
Legalizing recreational marijuana nationwide	44	33	16	6

We're interested in what you want candidates to spend time talking about. For each of the following issues, please tell me if this is something you want candidates to spend a lot of time talking about, a little time, or not much time talking about. **(Rotate list.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.	A lot	A little	Not much	Not sure
International trade	37	52	9	1
Immigration	57	35	7	1
Income inequality	67	25	6	2
Job creation	55	40	4	1
Race relations	57	35	6	2
Criminal justice reform	54	41	4	1
Guns	52	32	14	2
Impeachment	22	33	42	3
Student debt	55	39	5	1
Health care	81	16	2	1
Climate change	80	16	3	1

For each of the following, please tell me how you would feel if the eventual Democratic nominee fit that description. Would you be very satisfied, mostly satisfied, mostly dissatisfied or very dissatisfied if the Democratic Party nominated someone who [INSERT ITEM]: **(Read list. Rotate.)**

Among likely Democratic caucusgoers.	Very Satisfied	Mostly Satisfied	Mostly Dissatisfied	Very Dissatisfied	Not Sure
Is a straight, white man	5	33	16	5	40
Thinks the country should be more socialist	15	41	22	11	11
Holds fundraisers with wealthy individuals and corporate lobbyists	3	17	40	31	10

(Democratic caucusgoers: Skip to demographics.)

Now, I'm going to mention some prominent people. For each, please tell me if your feelings are very favorable, mostly favorable, mostly unfavorable, or very unfavorable. If you don't know enough about the person to answer, just say so. (Record "don't know" as "not sure." Rotate list.)

		Net Fav	Net Unf	Very Favorable	Mostly Favorable	Mostly Unfavorable	Very Unfavorable	Not Sure
Among registered Republicans.								
Larry Hogan, governor of Maryland	Mar-19		12	-	4	6	6	84
John Kasich, former governor of Ohio	Mar-19		28	6	21	18	10	45
	Dec-18		26	9	22	16	10	43
Howard Schultz, former CEO of Starbucks	Mar-19		28	1	10	17	11	61
Donald Trump, president of the United States	Mar-19		15	47	35	7	8	3
	Dec-18		18	49	28	7	11	5
Bill Weld, former governor of Massachusetts	Mar-19		15	-	4	8	7	81

Among registered Republicans. Do you approve or disapprove of the job Donald Trump is doing as president?

	Approve	Disapprove	Not sure
Mar-19	81	12	7
Dec-18	81	14	4

Among registered Republicans. If the general election vote for president of the United States were held today with Donald Trump as the Republican candidate, would you definitely vote to re-elect President Trump, consider someone else, or definitely vote to elect someone else, or would you not vote?

	Definitely vote to re-elect Trump	Consider someone else	Definitely vote to elect someone else	Would not vote	Not sure
Mar-19	67	18	9	2	3
Dec-18	67	19	10	1	3

Among registered Republicans. How confident are you that Donald Trump will be re-elected president in 2020—do you feel almost certain he will be re-elected, fairly confident, just somewhat confident, or are you almost certain he will be defeated?

- 27 Almost certain of re-election
- 32 Fairly confident
- 26 Just somewhat confident
- 10 Almost certain of defeat
- 5 Not sure

Among registered Republicans. Which of the following better describes the way you personally would like to see Donald Trump campaign for re-election? Should he: (Read items. Rotate.)

- 90 Focus on promoting the positive changes he's made for the country
- 4 Focus on attacking his opponents
- 6 Not sure

Among registered Republicans. In the 2020 caucuses, do you hope there is or is not a Republican who challenges Donald Trump for the nomination?

- 40 Hope there is
- 41 Hope there is not
- 19 Not sure

Among registered Republicans. Regardless of how you feel about the situation at the U.S. border with Mexico, do you think Donald Trump did or did not have the right to declare a national emergency to secure more funding for a border wall? **(If did have the right, ask:)** Do you think declaring a national emergency was the right thing or the wrong thing for President Trump to do?

- 63 He had the right, it was the right thing
- 6 He had the right, it was the wrong thing
- 20 He did not have the right
- 11 Not sure

Among registered Republicans. As Democratic candidates are starting to ramp up campaigns for the presidential nomination, are you seeing candidates that appeal to you and that you could potentially support? **(If yes, specify:)**

6	Yes, more than one	Ask b
5	Yes, just one	
79	No	Skip to demographics
10	Not sure	

Among registered Republicans. Which one or two Democrats appeal to you most? (Asked only if respondent said “yes” in above question. Let respondent volunteer. Accept up to two answers. Multiple responses accepted, so total may exceed 100%.)

Based
on all
n=400
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*	Michael Bennet
2	Joe Biden
*	Michael Bloomberg
1	Cory Booker
*	Pete Buttigieg
1	Tulsi Gabbard
1	Kirsten Gillibrand
*	Kamala Harris
*	John Hickenlooper
1	Amy Klobuchar
*	Beto O'Rourke
2	Bernie Sanders
1	Elizabeth Warren
*	Andrew Yang
1	None of these (VOL)
2	Not sure

*Named by at least one respondent but rounded down to 0%.

ABOUT THE POLL

The Iowa Poll, conducted March 3-6, 2019, for *The Des Moines Register*, CNN and Mediacom by Selzer & Co. of Des Moines, is based on telephone interviews with 401 registered voters in Iowa who say they will definitely or probably attend the 2020 Democratic caucuses and 400 registered Republicans.

Interviewers with Quantel Research contacted 1,618 randomly selected active voters from the Iowa secretary of state's voter registration list by telephone. The sample was supplemented with additional phone number lookups. Interviews were administered in English. Responses for all contacts were adjusted by age and sex to reflect their proportions among active voters in the list. For the registered Republican sample, responses for the 418 registered Republican contacts were adjusted by age and sex to reflect their proportions among active registered Republicans in the voter registration list.

Questions based on the sample of 401 voters likely to attend the 2020 Iowa Democratic caucuses have a maximum margin of error of plus or minus 4.9 percentage points, as does the sample of 400 registered Republicans. This means that if this survey were repeated using the same questions and the same methodology, 19 times out of 20, the findings would not vary from the true population value by more than plus or minus 4.9 percentage points. Results based on smaller samples of respondents—such as by gender or age—have a larger margin of error.

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